(b) whether it is also a fact that 'hese agencies purchased wheat through mid dlemen instead of direct purchase from the farmers;

(c) whether any inquiry has been con ducted in this regard; and

(d what action has since been taken by Government in the matteT?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH); (a) No, Sir.

(b) In Punjab and Haryana, public :;ii^cies procure wheat, normally, through Kacha Arhtias. Similarly, in U. P., it is the normal practice to procure wheat through Village Vyaparis instead of Rupees 15^ per quintal feed at Rupees t 145' to Rupees 150 a quintal by Government. (c) No, Sir.

(d) *In* Punjab, the F.C.I. has opened 35 direct purchase centres and the farmers are free to sell their wheat at these centres at the support price fixed by the Government.

Seminar on the Rural Centres and Settle-Jiients Planning

2093. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK; Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to0 state; > (a) whether a seminer on the Rural Centres'and Settlements Planning sponsored by ESCAP was held in New Delhi during the second week of July, 1985;

(b) if so, the names of countries who participated in the seminar;

(c) the nature of discussions held; and

(d) what are the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bhutan, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, participated in the Seminar. Officers of the Government of India and some of the States Governments among others also participated in Seminar.

(c) Representatives from the parti cipating countries presented papers on their country experience in Rural Centre and Settlements Planning and these papers were discussed by the participants.

(d) The report on the Seminar on Rural Centre and Settlements Planning js to be finalised by ESCAP which is a body under Unites Nations Systems. The report has not been received so far from ESCAP.

Delhi Apartment Ownership Act

2094. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SUL-TAN;

' SHRI P. N. SUKUL;
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE;

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA.

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Delhi Apartment Ownership Act is beincr drafted; and

(b) if not, whether the ownership of DDA flats vests with the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT), (a) There is a proposal to enact an Apartment Ownership Act for Delhi.

(b) DDA flats remain lease hold pr©-perties after their disposal to the buyers and are governed by the relevant lease terms.

Provident Fund and Family Pension Act for Beedi Workers

2095. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pro-beedi workers was enforced in June, beedi workers was enforced in June, 1977;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Act was stayed by the Supreme Court in 1979; and *

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) to (c) The provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act. 1952 were extended to the Beedi workers w.e.f. 31-5-1977. Some Beedi Manufacturers had subsequently challenged the ipplicability of the Act to Beedi Industry in the

Supreme Court and the Court had, in 1R>80, ordered the sta\ of operation of the notification extending the provisions of the Act to Beedi Industry, pending hearing of the case. The hearing in the case has since been concluded and the judgement is awaited.

भविष्य निधि मामलों के लिये अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति

2096. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा भविष्य निधि के मामलों के लिए राज्य-वार कितने अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति की गई है; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उन्हें कितने शुल्क (फीस) का भुगतान किया गया है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० अन्जैय्या) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मज पर रख दी जायगी ।

Construction of houses for the Rural Labour and Harijans

2097. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

> SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of WORKS; AND! HOUSING be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of houses that have been built for the rural labour and Harijans as a part of 20 Point Programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) what were the targets fixed in the Sixth Five Year- Plan during each year of this programme and the actual achievement; and

(c) what was the construction cost of each house and what were the grant given by the Central Government to tlw States on this account?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Under the schem, of allotment of house sites-cum-construc-tion assistance for rural landless workers which is a part of the New 20 Point Programme, the house sites are allotted and construction assistance is given to rural landless workers and artisans. State-ment indicating the targets and achievements of this scheme during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1981—85) is annexed.

(c) Housing being a State subject, all social housing schemes are being implemented by the State Governments] (J .T. Administrations. The Union Government provides financial assistance in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied *up* to any- particular scheme.

Poor Quality of Foodgrains supplied through Fair Price Shops

2098. SHRI L. GANESAN: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to stale:

(a) the number of complaints Government have received during th, last three years about the poor quality of foodgrains supplied through Fair Price Shops, year-wise, and State-wise;

(b) the number of complaints enquired int.0 by Government;

(c) what action has been taken on the. complaints; and

(d) what steps "are being taken to improve t'ne quality of foodgrain, supplied through the Fair Price Shops?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Fortyeight complaints were received from January 1982 to July, 1985. about the poor quality of foodgrains sup-plied through fair price shops. State-wise and yanr-wise breakup is enclosed. *(See below* t.

(b) Out of 48 complaints received, 38 complaints have been investigated and 10 complaint's are under investigation.

(c) In 25 cases where there was substance in the complaints, the State Governments and F.C.I, were asked to take suitable action. In 13 cases, it was found that the grain conformed to P.F.A. standards.

(d) Regular quality checks/inspections are-carried out at food storage depots, from where supplies are effected for public distribution. Fair price shop dealers are allowed to inspect stocks earmarked for supply. Two representative samples drawn by the owner of FPS and a representative of the FCI, are given to fair price shops for public display, indicating the quality of foodgranin, acttually issued.